

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 14 were pending in the present application when last examined. Applicant has amended claims 3, 4, 7 to 10, 13, and 14, and canceled claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 11, and 12. Claims 3, 4, 7 to 10, 13, and 14 remain pending.

Drawings

In paragraph 1 of the November 13, 2006 Office Action, the Examiner started to comment on the drawings but did not finish. Applicant respectfully requests clarification from the Examiner regarding the drawings.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicated that claim 8 is patentable if amended to independent form including the limitations in base claim 1 and intervening claims 2, 5, and 6. Applicant has amended claim 8 to substantially include the limitations in claims 1, 5, and 6. Applicant did not include the limitations of claim 2 since they are a broader recitation of similar limitations of claim 5. Accordingly, amended claim 8 is in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections

To expedite prosecution, Applicant has amended claims 3, 4, 7 to 10, 13, and 14 to depend from amended claim 8. Accordingly, claims 3, 4, 7 to 10, 13, and 14 are patentable for at least the same reasons as amended claim 8.

To expedite prosecution, Applicant has canceled claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 11 and 12 so their rejections are moot.

Summary

In summary, claims 1 to 14 were pending in the present application. Applicant amended claims 3, 4, 7 to 10, 13, and 14, and canceled claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 11, and 12. For the above reasons, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the claim rejections and allow claims 3, 4, 7 to 10, 13, and 14. Should the Examiner have any questions, please call the undersigned at (408) 382-0480x206.

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